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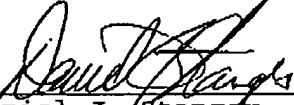
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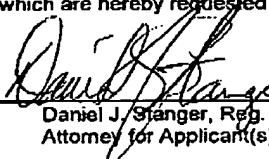
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In Reply to the Office Action mailed February 10, 2006, please amend the application as set forth below.